

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
1:22-cv-00109-MR**

**SOMCHAI NOONSAB,**

**Petitioner,**

**vs.**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,**

**Respondent.**

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**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by the Petitioner on June 1, 2022. [Doc. 1].

Somchai Noonsab (“the Petitioner”) is a prisoner of the State of North Carolina. As best as can be discerned from the pleading, the Petitioner appears to challenge his state court conviction under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. [Doc. 1]. The Petitioner is currently serving a sentence following his criminal conviction in Wake County, North Carolina. The Petitioner is presently incarcerated at Franklin Correctional Center, located in Franklin County, North Carolina.

State prisoner habeas corpus petitions may be brought either in the federal judicial district in which the state court of the conviction is located or in the district of confinement. See 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). The Petitioner’s

place of conviction and place of confinement are both located in the Eastern District of North Carolina. As such in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d) and joint order of the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina (Joint Order, In re: Applications for Writs of Habeas Corpus (Oct. 26, 1966)), the Court shall transfer this action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, where venue is proper.

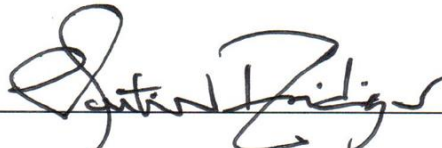
This Court has not conducted an initial review of the petition and makes no observation as to its merits or timeliness.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:**

1. This action is transferred to the Eastern District of North Carolina.
2. The Clerk is instructed to terminate this action.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: June 6, 2022

  
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Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

